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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS IN INFORMAL
CONSULTATION SEPT 27

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1. SUMMARY. THE SECURITY COUNCIL HELD AN INFORMAL
CONSULTATION ON NAMIBIA PM SEPTEMBER 27. IN THE ABSENCE
OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AFRICAN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL AND THE FIVE ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION (SEPTTEL), THE
COUNCIL AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN INFORMAL CONSULTATION AT
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10:30 AM SEPTEMBER 28. END SUMMARY.

2. THE SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN INFORMAL CONSULTATION PM
SEPTEMBER 27 TO DISCUSS HOW BEST TO PROCEED TO A FORMAL
MEETING FOR APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT.
WALDHEIM PROVIDED THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH A COPY OF THE
LETTER WHICH HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM SOUTH AFRICAN

FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA (SEPTEL). THE LETTER WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT ANY LENGTH. WALDHEIM THEN SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL MEET IN FORMAL SESSION ONLY AFTER COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD WORKED OUT AN AGREED DRAFT RESOLUTION.

3. AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE FIVE IN TRYING TO DEVELOP AN ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION. HE STATED THAT SOME FUNDAMENTAL DIFFICULTIES REMAINED WHICH HE HOPED COULD BE "RESOLVED FAIRLY EASILY". HARRIMAN ALSO EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT "IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER, POSSIBLY IN THEIR SECURITY COUNCIL SPEECHES" THE FIVE WOULD PLEDGE THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THEIR PROPOSAL AND THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR ITS SUCCESS. AMBASSADORS BARTON (CANADA) AND VON WECHMAR (FRG) BOTH RESPONDED THAT THE FIVE HAD PARTICIPATED COMPLETELY AND FULLY IN THE EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT INDEPENDENCE TO NAMIBIA AND THAT THE PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING WALDHEIM'S REPORT WOULD NOT DIMINISH THEIR EFFORTS.

4. AMBASSADOR JAIPAL (INDIA) EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO BE PARTY TO "ANY ENTIRELY EMPTY OR FUTILE" RESOLUTION. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE INITIAL AFRICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (REFTEL) CALLED ONLY FOR SOUTH AFRICAN COOPERATION. AMBASSADOR VON WECHMAR NOTED IN RESPONSE THAT BOTH OF THE DRAFTS BEING DISCUSSED ALSO CONTAINED CONFIDENTIAL

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A REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION.

5. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM REITERATED HIS WELL-KNOWN POSITION THAT THE RESOLUTION CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF THE PARTIES. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON HIS INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT WHICH WOULD CONTAIN CERTAIN ASSURANCES TO THE PARTIES. HE REGRETTED THAT HE WAS NOT YET ABLE TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH COPIES OF THAT STATEMENT. (THE FIVE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET AT 10 PM THIS EVENING (SEPT 27) WITH UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AHTISAARI AND UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL URQUHART TO DISCUSS ONCE MORE WALDHEIM'S INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT.)

6. AMBASSADOR MCHENRY INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF THE FIVE'S DESIRE TO MOVE QUICKLY TO A FORMAL SESSION OF THE COUNCIL. HE NOTED THAT WE WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE EVENING FOR CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION. SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT HULINSKI (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) AGREED THAT INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS ON A DRAFT SHOULD CONTINUE AND THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD HOLD ANOTHER

INFORMAL CONSULTATION THE NEXT MORNING. THE NEXT
CONSULTATION IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT 10:30 AM
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